

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-7 and 9-11 and amend claims 8 and 12 as follows:

8. (Currently Amended) A method of maintaining and managing a plurality of power supplying facilities which supply power to arbitrary power systems, comprising the steps of:

receiving information of a failure which has occurred in at least one of said power supplying facilities, through communication means,

selecting a repairing period and procedure for a said failure ~~in the received information~~, from repairing periods and procedures which are predetermined according to levels of failures, and

outputting an instruction to control the operation of at least one of the power supplying facilities ~~except other than~~ the power supplying facility ~~which has the failure in which~~ said failure has occurred, according to the selected repairing period and procedure.

12. (Currently Amended) An operation and management system for power generating facilities which maintains and manages a plurality of power ~~supplying generating~~ facilities which supply power to arbitrary power systems, comprising:

a database storing operation data obtained while the facilities are in normal operating states and operation data obtained while the facilities are in abnormal states,

an error supervision/diagnosis means which compares actual operation data of said power supplying facilities by with operation data stored in said database, checks for any operation error, and outputs failure information when finding an operation error,

a fault level judge which determines the level of said failure from said output failure information, and

an operation scheduling means which shows a predetermined repairing period and procedure selected according to the determined failure level.